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The Honorable C. W. "Bill" Young Chairman, Subcommittee on Defense Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0910

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Krieg

Enclosure:

As stated

cc:

The Honorable John P. Murtha Ranking Member



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